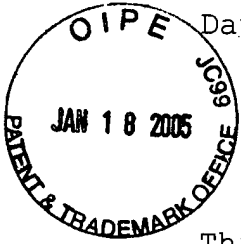


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Specification Amendments



This amendment complies with the revised 37 CFR 1.121 (1) - Amendment by instruction to delete, replace, or add a paragraph by submitting only a marked-up version showing changes made.

Also, this amendment is based on the assumption that the specification amendments previously requested with the first RCE sent Oct.30,2003 and the Response to a non-final OA sent April 13,2004 have already been entered. If they have not ^{been} entered, the applicant is requesting that those amendments be entered as well.

1. Location:

Section Heading: Description of Drawings

A. Fig. 1

Please add the following immediately after the section heading and before Fig. 1-A:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the Picking rake embodiment in the raking position claimed in the present application.

B. Fig. 13-A

Please amend the description of Fig. 13-A as follows:

Fig. 13-A is a perspective ~~back view of Picking Rake~~
~~Version II having a long gripper and snap button~~
~~anchoring means~~ view of the picking rake in Fig. 1
 showing the alternative positions of the extendible
 left rake handle.

2. Location:

Section heading: Description of Picking Rake Version I

A. Paragraph 1

Please amend the first sentence of paragraph 1 as follows:

Referring to Fig.1-B, the first version.....towards
 the upper ends of their handles by a pivotal connection.

B. Paragraph 4 (5.)

Please amend the first sentence of item #5 in
 paragraph 4 as follows:

5. A gripper ~~106~~ 104 such as that shown in ~~Figs. 34~~
~~through 50~~ Figs. 54-A through 72-D is attached....

C. Sub-heading: Operation of Picking Rake, Version I

Please amend the second sentence of paragraph 2 as follows:

...The force induces the gripper ~~106~~ 104 on handle
 bar...

3. Location:

Section heading: Description of Picking Rake, Version
 II

A. Paragraph 1

Please amend the second sentence of paragraph 1 as follows:

Both could be joined together side by side by a gripping connection to form a complete...

B. Paragraph 4 (A new paragraph 3 was added in a previous specification amendment.)

Please amend the third and fourth sentences of paragraph 4 as follows:

Another gripper 106 is also attached to rake handle ~~120L~~ 120-2L. Any one of the grippers... shown in ~~Figs. 49 and 50~~ Figs. 70 and 71 and an internal snap button...

C. Sub-section heading: Attachment Variations for Picking Rake, Version II - Variation 4

Please amend Variation 4 paragraph as follows:

Referring to Figs. 13-A, 13-BR, and 13-BL....with provision for at least one aperture 122-2L for a snap button head to lodge in. The snap button prevents the rake handle from rotating outward while inside ~~it~~ the gripper. The snap button is housed inside the other rake handle, its button head outwardly engaged from another aperture 122-2R disposed on that other rake handle. The telescoping handle shown is discussed in greater

detail under the subheading, Adjustable Handle
Length, Version II.

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